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This is a request for filing a **Continuation - In - Part** application under **37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)** of prior application Serial No. 09/919,596 filed July 31, 2001 for COLLATING AND SORTING APPARATUS; which in turn, is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/380,943 filed September 13, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,267,248 for COLLATING AND SORTING APPARTUS which is based on PCT Application Serial No. PCT/AU98/00157 filed March 13, 1998 in Australia.

We are transmitting herewith the following attached items and information (as indicated with an "X"):

- ☒ Patent application comprising 16 pages of specification, claims numbered 1-33 and 1 page of abstract
- ☒ 2 Sheets of Drawings – Figures 1 and 2
- ☒ Unsigned Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ Unsigned Assignment to Shuffle Master, Inc.
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